Erzberger's Plan a Confiscatory Raid on Nation's Capital.

INCOME

Purses of Rich and Poor Alike Almost Emptied by Record Assessments.

By the Associated Press. BERLIN, Dec. 2 (delayed).—Mathlas Eraberger, Minister of Finance, prefaced his battle for vast tax measures with a two-hour speech before the National Assembly to-day. He warned the Deputies that the man who was still wrapped up in pre-war individualism would not find the tax assessment awaiting him to his liking.

"The same man, however," he added, "will also be unable to suggest any other solution to the problem which will take into account the social demands confronting us. In approaching these reforms we must realize we are growing into a new era. Pre-war to oppose the Government because, ow individualism has resulted in a badly ing to her interest in the suffrage ques-

of prosperity and cultural progress. n class batred and social disintegration are bound to set in."

Discussing Germany's post-war eco-nomic obligations Herr Erac-reer said that the problems confronting the naon demand the same universal solidarity among all citizens as die the responsibilities during the war. He hoped that the prospective tax reports would

accelerate progress toward democracy and contribute to the raising of a new Germany on the raising of a new Herr. Eigherger authounced that the budget from the fiscal year of 1919 provided for a reduction in the total expenditure amounting to 21,500,000,000 SEVEN PERS marks. Extraordinary expenses would amount to 41,000,000,000 marks, and the extraordinary war levey and taxation o 000,000,000 marks. The requirements of the State for the next year, he added, would be 17,800,000,000 marks.

Huge Income Tax.

The three major bills which are for disposition before the holidays are the national and local tax measure, income national and economic importance that they are bound to provoke long and

nlous debates. tax law comprises sixty-one paragraphs. district of Ireland, according to a des-It grants the federated States and local communities the right to levy taxes, provided these do not conflict with con-The law also designates the extent to he brisk exchange of shots ensued. Police and troops were hurried to the in national assessments and defines the limitations to which they are permitted to go in the enactment of their own

The first thousand marks of income are not assessed in the scale named are not assessed in the scale named in the income tax schedule. After that amount incomes will be taxed 10 per sailants fall to the ground during the cent for the second thousand, 1 per sailants fall to the ground during the shooting. The despatch says it is present being the graded increases for a excess of 500,000 marks must the shooting party.

The man who had a pre-war income of 100,000 marks is expected now to turn over half that amount to the State while local taxes are likely to consume an additional 20,000.

Raid Termed Confiscation.

The German people have no concepwhich are expected to yield 11,000,000,-000 marks a year will materially add to the cost of living for the next few MacAulley, president of the Canadian years. Herr Erzberger's estimate of West Indian Society. Mr. MacAulley the latter revenue is based on the assumption that the nation's economic life American interests were at work in Jawill gradually reach its former dimen-sions. makes to influence public opinion in favor of union with the United States.

tax card in the possession of the em-ployer, then redeem the stamps when cancelled by offering them on payment for his cwn taxes.

The most ominous of the three tax laws is the measure providing for a national emergency levy on capital, which is uncanny is the abrupt method



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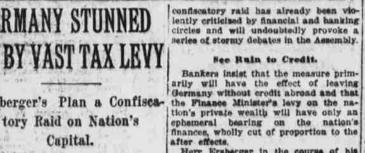
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Herr Ersberger in the course of his TAX speech, made a strong appeal for civil service wage reform. He declared that the nation's interests demanded that

the nation's interests demanded that public officials be put on a financial footing to enable them to meet the altered economic conditions and rester pride in their work and thus bring the standard of public service up to its former record. The Minister also advocated reclassification of officials and a change in the rester thus promoting change in the system, thus promoting the elimination of red tape, which is cosely and detrimental.

LADY ASTOR VOTES AGAINST THE GOVT. Vainly Favers Suffrage for

Women of India. LONDON, Dec. 4 .- Lady Astor voted against the Government to-day in the

House of Commons on an amendmen proposing to give the vote to the women of India, which was defeated. She afterwards explained that she felt bound distorted conception of property, over-comphasized its privileges, never or rare-by took into account its duties and it to the men of India to refuse it to the women. it to the women. Lady Beaverbrook, who before her

marriage to Baron Beaverbrook was intolerable as soon as it results in undue accumulation of wealth or in plutocracy, invited by the Unionists of Ashton-which precludes the active participation under-Lyne to stand for the House of under-Lyne to stand for the House of Commons for the seat of Sir Albert Stanley. Sir Albert is resigning his seat and it is expected will be elevated to the peerage.

Lady Beaverbrook was born in Hall fax, the daughter of the late Gen. Charles William Drury. William Max-well Aitken, her husband, is also a Canadian and owner of the Daily Ex-Baron Beaverbrook of Beaverbrook in 1916. He was a member of Parliament for the Ashton-under-Lyne constituency

SEVEN PERSONS SHOT BY MASKED IRISHMEN

Supposed Object Is Seizure of Arms They Carried.

By the Associated Press.

London, Dec. 4 .- All the members of a shooting party, including H. V. Mac-Namara and his two sons; Donough tax and national emergency levy. All E. F. O'Brien, son and heir of Baron of these bills are of such far-reaching inchiquin, Lady Beatrice O'Brien, a Inchiquin, Lady Beatrice O'Brien, a gamekeeper and a chaugeur were wounded to-day when fired upon while The draft of the national and local traveling in motor cars in the Garron patch from Ennis, County Clare.

The party was held up by a number of armed men wearing disguises and O'Brien in the herdsman's cottage. Each had been wounded by several shots in the head and shoulders. They found also that the other members of the party had been injured.

cent for the second thousand, 1 per shooting. The despatch says it is precent, being the graded increases for sumed that the object of the attack says thousand up to 15,000 marks must was the selzure of the arms carried by

MONTREAL, Dec. 4 .- Political annexation of the British West Indies, as well tion of even the approximate price they as business control of the islands, was will have to pay for the loss of the laid down as the aim of the United war in direct taxes, while induced taxes. States in an address before the Mon-

islands offered an attractive field for de-velopment by Canadian enterprise. Johnson, Military Attache. The funera will be held Friday.

RED DRIVE BROKEN ON NARVA FRONT

Denikine Defeats Bolshevik in Tsarytsin Region.

HELENGROBS, Dec. 4.—According to the Esthonian commander, Gen. Toenis-sen, the Bolshevik great offensive launched with fifty regiments on the Narva front, has completely broken down. He declares they are inucapable of a further offensive without fresh re-

t Lendon, Dec. 4.—A communication issued by Gen. Denikine, commander of the anti-Russian forces in South Russian, claims that Denikine has broken the Red offensive in the region of Trarytsin, that his troops are new advancing, and that in the country offensive he has captured 100 prisoners.

Germany's adventure in the Baltic States mal be considered ended millitarily, according to a war office summary of the week, which mays: "The situation of the Germans, who are being attacked on three sides by the Letts and Esthonians, is critical, and it is ard to see how they can longer delay evacuation. Their retreat is virtually cut off, but it is assumed they will be allowed to withdraw."

CZECHO-SLOVAKS GO TO HUNGARIAN FRONT

Gen. Bandholtz Presses Huszar to Conclude Peace.

VIENNA, Dec. 4.—Twenty-one Czecho-Slovak divisions have been ordered to the Hungarian frontier, according to the Vienna newspapers to-day. Six resi-ments already have left for the border,

Budapast, Dec. 4.—Brig.-Gen. Harry H. Bandholtz, U. S. A., one of the allied military mission to Hungary, presented to Premier Husgar to-day an invitation to Premier Huszar to-day an invitation from the Supreme Council of the Peace Conference to send Hungarian plenipotentiaries to Neuilly to conclude peace between the allied nations and Hungary

GERMAN GUARDS ARE "PURELY MILITARY"

Drilled by Regular Officers, Says Socialist Paper.

BERLIN, Dec. 4 .- Commenting on the Entente note regarding the German olice and troops Freheit, the Socialist newspaper, says:

"It is a monstrous deception that the ction should still be maintained that the military organizations mentioned in the Entente's note are not in contravention of the treaty stipulations. Citizen guards regularly do military drill, in-cluding musketry and the throwing of hand grenades, the members of the guards keep rifles and hand grenades in inknown quantities in their houses. The so-called public ascurity police and troops are led by active service officers and are equipped with heavy mortars flame throwers and other weapons. Furthermore, their service is purely military.

AUSTRIA PLEADS FOR CAPTIVES IN FRANCE

Frantically Urges Prisoners' Release Before Christmas.

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Pants, Dec. 4.—The Austrian Government is making frantic efforts to obtain the release of her war prisoners, thousands of whom are still retained in France. The Austrians recently sent another note with the refor Christmas, pointing out that the

Negotiations have been a view of assuring the delivery of Christmas packages to the prisoners.

CELLERE'S BODY IN NAPLES

Funeral of Late Ambassador Wil He Held To-day.

NAPERS, Dec. 4.—The body of the late Count V. Macchio Di Cellere, Ambassador to the United States, was removed from the American battleship North Dakota yesterday to the arsenal American and Italian sailors

The Countess Macchio Di Cellere will gradually reach its former dimensions.

A unique provision of the income tax iaw obliges an employer or a man with servants to deduct the income tax from the weekly wage paid, receipting for the amount by pasting, tax stamps on a tax card in the possession of the emulations.

The Countess Macchio Di Cellere, who arrived here Monday, was present at the ceremony, as were also the lattice of the temperature and sub-tropical zones, could avoid the adverse balance of trade necessities. Naval Attache, and Gen.



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ON NEW IRISH PLAN U. S. IN DEAL TO BUY

Premier Seeks One Parlia ment and Dominion Status.

Special Desputes to Tau Sox.
Loudon, Dec. 5.—The Government is in difficulties over the Irish problem cording to the Doily Meil, which says "The full Cabinet, it is stated, is reluct "The full Cabinet, it is stated, is rejuctant to accept the committee's proposal for
two legislatures with a uniting executive
body, on the ground that the plan will
not satisfy either Irish or American
opinion. It is said that the Premier
is now trying to induce his Unionist colleagues to agree to a scheme for one
Irish Parliament with a dominion status,
accompanied by an option that any
county may vote for the retention of the
axisting status under the Imperial
Parliament.

"The Conservative wing of the coali-

Parilament.

"The Conservative wing of the coalition is charply disturbed over the Irish issue," says the paper, the youngus members favoring a very bold Irish policy, while the Irish Unionist faction continues to be unalterably opposed to home rule in any form.

Lord Robert Ceeli and Sir Edward Carson lend the respective groups. There is much conjecture which will capture Andrew Bonar Law as head of the whole Unionist party. "It is clear," concludes

Unionist party. "It is clear," concludes the Mail, "that the House of Commons is ahead of the Government in its de-sire for an Irish settlement and would agree to proposals of a broad character."

BRITAIN APPROVES TRIAL OF KAISER Wilhelm Does Not Believe He Will Face Court.

London, Dec 4.—Spenking at Posty-pridd, Wales, to-day, Sir Gordon-He-wart, Attorney-General, said the suggesion was not true that there were any discussion or waverings with reference to the trial of former Emperor William of Germany. The law officers of the Crown he added, were continuing most careful preparation for it. Fifty thousand written statements with reference to the

written statements with reference to the matter of prosecuting criminals for their acts during the course of the war had been examined. From this, the speaker said, the audience could appreciate the magnitude of the task.

Former Emperor William does not believe he will be brought to trial by the Allies, or if tried, that his future will be affected in any way, mays the Berlin correspondent of the Dody Mail, Next to sawing wood, the erstwhile monarch's main interest seems to be the various campaigns waged in Russia, which he follows with the aid of large beflagged maps, and he eagerly reads all the news from that country. the news from that country

To Exhibit Children's Books. An exhibit of children's books carefully selected for reading at the holiday season will be held at the Society for Ethical Culture, 2 West Sixty-fourth street, from December 8 to 19, inclusive, 11 to 5 o'clock dally. Mrs. S. M. Gruenberg will lecture on children's reading the afternoon of December 10.

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The deal just closed is a highly volved one. It was engineered by Will-iam Gibbs McAdoo as counsel of the Morse interests. Under the arrangement the Virginia concern takes over all the vessels it was building on account of vessels it was building on account of laid and 10 per cent. at intervals of 10 the Emergency Fleet Corporation under the regular sale agreement of 25 per cent. cash and 75 per cent. In five years.

Under the contract for the vessels that time agreements boosted the contract price.

Under the sale agreement, which calls

approximately \$220 a ton to build. The arrangement will consequently let the Government out "whole" on its contract without adjustment, as the price agreed on not only covers all the costs but interest on the money advanced by the Covernment through the fleet corporation to the Virginia company.

Company Sees Good Profit. The company is highly satisfied, as under the arrangement by lowing costs on the vessels uncompleted it can turn a clear profit into its own treasury on construction and has the tessels for operation at a time of maxi-

num freight rates.
All of the ships are to be transferred All of the ships are to be transferred by the building company to the United States Transport Company, another Morse organization, for operation. The transfer has been approved by the Ship-ping Board, as under the contract made the Government is fully protected and has the option of taking uncompleted ships if the contract or agreement who the Virginia company is not performed.

Four of the ships involved are completed and in service. They are the Gunston Hall, in which the President drove the first rivet at the Alexandria. Va., shippard; the Vanada, the fl. F. Morse and the Betsey Bell. The fifth, the E. A. Morse, was launched several weeks ago and is now outfitting. It will be ready for service in about thirty days. Four others are on the ways of the Virginia Shipbuilding Company at

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COOLIDGE FUND \$108,517.

t Took That Sum to Reclect IIIm

Bosron, Dec. 4.-The Republican State Committee expended \$108,517.85 in the campaign which resulted in the reelection of Gov. Calvin Coolidge by a majority of 125,000. The report was filed to-day with the Secretary of

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